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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated April 8, 2003 as well as the Advisory Action dated July 15, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Applicants thank Examiner Vu and Supervisory Examiner Thompson for the courtesy, extended on October 7, 2003, of a telephonic interview with the applicants' representative Phillip Pippenger. The Cohen reference was discussed in detail with respect

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to figure 1, as was the application with respect to Figure 3. Claim 1 was discussed at length, as were claims 4 and 10 to some degree. Although no agreement was reached, there was an indication that allowable subject matter may be present in the claim set at claim 7, for example, and appropriate amendment was suggested, and in addition, it was indicated that more specificity in the independent claims as to the location of ongoing functionality may also lead to patentability. The amendments herein are intended to follow many of those suggestions and it is submitted that the amendments place the claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of claims 1-33 is respectfully requested.

The **amendments** to the claims are reflected in the claim listing which begins on page 3. The **remarks** begin at page 11.